

MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1  
Tuesday, March 1, 2022  
400 N. Elm Street, Cortez, CO 81321

MINUTES

Special Meeting 6:00 PM

**Board Attendance:**

Sheri Noyes, President, District F  
Sherri Wright, Vice-President, District C  
Jeanette Hart, Treasurer, Director District B  
Stacey Hall, Secretary, Director, District D  
Ed Rice, Director, District E  
Cody Wells, Director, District A  
Layne Frazier, Director District G  
Avery Wright, M-CHS Student Rep.

**Absent:**

Amita Crowley, M-CMS Student Rep.

**Administration Attendance:**

Kyle Archibeque, Exe. Director of Finance  
Jim Parr, Exe. Director of Academics Services  
Cynthia Eldredge, Exe. Director of Human Services, ZOOM  
Debra Ramsey, Exe. Assistant

Eric Chandler, Principal  
Drew Pearson, Principal  
Robert Layman, Principal  
Katie Nelson, Principal  
Whitney Rapp, Principal

**1. Call to Order**

a. The meeting was called to order by President Sheri Noyes at 6:00 PM.

**2. Pledge to Flag**

a. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by President Sheri Noyes.

**3. Set the Agenda**

Vice President Wright moved to set the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Hart.

Aye: Frazier, Hall, Hart, Noyes, Rice, Wells and Wright Nay: None. Motion carried.

**4. Discussion Items**

**a. Legislative Report**

Vice President Wright reported on multiple upcoming house bills that were discussed at the CASB Legislative meeting she attended today by ZOOM. She felt like the board may be asked down the road to support resolutions that came from some of the upcoming changes.

**b. Donation of Flag**

President Noyes asked Mrs. Ramsey to explain how the district received a flag. Mrs. Ramsey said a lady brought it to the district and choose not to leave her name. She thought the district could use it. President Noyes said accepting this donation should be an action item for the March board meeting.

**c. 4-day Calendar for 2022-2023**

The board and Mr. Parr talked about different concerns they wanted to address pertaining directly to the draft calendar option they had chosen to move forward with for 2022-2023. Concerns discussed were about professional development time for teachers, the school day hours, where the vacation days fell, and if the vacations aligned with area schools. Mr. Parr reported the teacher professional development would be needed if the district wants to commit to the data we are collecting. Parr also reported that he meet with PCC, Dolores and Mancos administrators and there are programs being discussed for a Friday PCC offering that could earn provide certificate/credit opportunities for our students. Mr. Archibeque reported that he was already working with transportation to gather the current drop and pick up times. He said his goal was to have a reasonable start and end time that came with a defensible reason.

**d. Resolution on Facility Use**

Mr. Parr explained that the attorney had suggested that the proposed MOU's with area youth clubs be done as a resolution instead. Mr. Archibeque gave some of the history of the issue and explained the need for risk mitigation. Mrs. Eldredge said this is dictated by CSDSIP (Colorado School District Self-Insurance Pool) with their guidelines. Mrs. Ramsey said that she had been asked to call the clubs and explain that they could sign MOU's with the district, but that no one has contacted them since. All the clubs involved have started their use of the buildings with the understanding that we were waiting on a board action to be taken. Their deposits were paid and insurance provided, but their (waived) fees are adding up. Mr. Archibeque said all the groups would not have used our facilities if they didn't think this was the agreement. President Noyes said we would hear back from Mrs. Eldredge after she looks into CSDSIP's guidelines.

**e. Policy KHC & KHC-R Distribution Posting of Promotional Literature**

Director Hart said she had meet with Mr. Pearson on this policy. She also brought handouts of the referenced policies JICEA and JICEC for the board to consider. All 4 of these policies have not been reviewed for over 10 years. Hall had supplied a sample policy from the attorney titled "Staff Participation in Political Activities". President Noyes said any changes would need more discussion and asked Mrs. Ramsey to add it to the April work session. Mrs. Ramsey said she would look if CASB had a sample policy similar to the one from the attorney.

**f. Policy KDB-E Public Request for Open Records Form**

President Noyes explained that this is the new form that went through first reading to support the district when records public requests come in. after a short conversation on if more than one request per form should be allowed the board asked Mrs. Ramsey to revise the form for second reading to include the option for no more than 5 requests to be on a request.

**5. Action Item:****a. To appoint an Interim Superintendent**

Director Rice explained to the room that the board was not allowed to have any conversation after the interviews. It was the board's choice that the naming of an interim candidate on the resolution to appoint would go in the order of the interviews. No Executive Session was allowed.

The resolution appointing Harry J. (Tom) Burris as Interim Superintendent was read by Director Hall.

Vice President Wright moved to approve the resolution appointing Harry J. (Tom) Burris as the Interim Superintendent of M-CSD RE-1. Director Rice seconded the motion. A conversation about the candidate's interviews and abilities followed.

Director Rice called for the question.

A vote was taken at that time to go forth with the question and end discussion.

Aye: Frazier, Hall, Hart, Noyes, Rice, and Wright Nay: Wells Motion carried

President Noyes called for a vote on the original motion.

Aye: Frazier, Hall, Hart, Noyes, Rice, and Wright Nay: Wells Motion carried

The board approves the resolution to appoint Harry J (Tom) Burris as the new Interim Superintendent of M-CSD RE-1. President Noyes said there may need to be a follow up meeting on the contract and that she would let the members know the date.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

  
Secretary, Board of Education

  
President, Board of Education